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WHITE KAFFIR CORN

## Let Sorghums Make Your Farming Safe

CORN is being planted year after year in many sections of the middle west where it is unprofitable and where it can make a good crop only under most favorable conditions. Many farmers are planting corn year after year, always failing, but always hoping that the next year will be a good one.

This habit cost the State of Kansas alone for the years of 1917 and 1918 \$164,517,191.76. In other words if the farmers of Kansas had planted Kaffir on the unprofitable corn acreage the value of the crop would have been increased by over \$194,500,000.00 or more than the entire state invested in Liberty bonds.

The records of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture for the past eighteen years show that the average value of corn was \$9.54 per acre and the value of Kaffir was \$12.88 per acre. In 1918 Kaffir was worth \$23.54 per acre as compared to \$10.34 per acre for corn.

These records show conclusively that the farmers of the middle west, where corn is an uncertain crop, should plant more of their acreage to Kaffir, Milo, Feterita, and other sorghums.

Mr. John Fields, Editor of The Oklahoma Farmer has formulated a safe system which every farmer in the west and southwest could profitably adopt with modifications to fit local conditions.

"Corn should be planted only on lands which have yielded not less than twenty-five bushels of corn to the acre at least one year in the last five.

Every acre of rich, well drained bottom land, which does not overflow frequently, or for long periods of time should be put in alfalfa as soon as possible.

The smooth, tillable uplands and prairies should never be planted to corn. They should instead be planted to Kaffir, Milo or some other variety of sorghum for a sure crop of grain for feed or sale and for filling silos and for providing rough feed; to peanuts and cow peas for feed, forage and soil improvement; and to cotton, wheat, oats and broom corn for cash crops wherever soil and climate are suitable."

We are located right in the heart of the middlewest where Kaffirs, Milos and sorghums grow to perfection. We were among the very first to recognize the many desirable qualities of these grains and have been growing them and boosting them for many years.

We have at all times large stocks of the best Kaffirs, Milos, Feterita, Schrock Kaffir, and Sweet Sorghums. And you will find further descriptions in the catalog and prices on our Pink List.

Remember that Barteldes is headquarters for Kaffirs and Sorghums.

DWARF  
STRAIGHT-NECK  
MILO MAIZE

Introduced about six years ago and immediately became wonderfully popular. The straight necks make it easy to harvest and feed and the earliness, ability to stand dry weather and big yield make it profitable.

### PINK KAFFIR

Earlier than other Kaffirs. Will mature when other varieties are caught by frost.

A difference of a fews in time of maturity often determines the difference between success and failure.

A wonderfully heavy yielder of both grain and fodder. See our Pink List for prices.

PINK KAFFIR  
The earliest of Kaffirs and will mature ahead of the frosts. Try it.



AMBER CANE

### SCHROCK KAFFIR

makes a big yield of grain and fodder. Withstands drought, is early and blackbirds do not like it.

Makes fine ensilage.

### AMBER CANE

The standard for fodder of which it yields an immense quantity.

We have all kinds of cane.

See our Pink List.



SCHROCK KAFFIR



### BARTELDES KANSAS STANDARD TOMATO

(Page 46 of Catalog.)

This is without question one of the best Tomatoes for the middle west. It is of the potato leaved, tree type and stands up well. The fruit is of a glossy red and produced in clusters of three to five. The fruit is of a nice size, firm, and a good keeper. Be sure to try Kansas Standard this year. Pkt. 5c, oz. 35c, 1-4 lb. \$1.25, lb. \$4.00. Postpaid.



### BARTELDES EARLY BLOOD TURNIP BEET

(Page 16 of Catalog.)

If you want some nice, round, deep red beets, try some of these. They are early fine for spring, summer or fall crop, excellent keepers and fine and crisp.

Pkt. 5, oz. 10, 1-4 lb. 35c, lb. \$1.25. Postpaid.

Two Splendid Varieties.

There Are Many More In The Catalog.



### BARTELDES BURRELLS GEM MUSK MELON

(Page 23 of Catalog.)

The Burrell's Gem is one of the most popular musk melons on the market. The melons are of uniform size and fine keepers. The meat is extremely thick, a beautiful salmon color and of fine flavor.

Pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, 1-5 lb. 35c, lb. \$1.10. Postpaid.

#### Radish

Radish	Eight Inches
Lettuce	Eight Inches
Lettuce	Eight Inches
Beers	Eight Inches
Beets	One Foot
Carrots	One Foot
Onion Sets	One Foot
Bush Green Pod Beans	One Foot
Bush Green Pod Beans	One Foot
Bush Wax Pod Beans	One Foot
Bush Lima Beans	One Foot

20 Feet



### WHITE TIPPED SCARLET TURNIP RADISH

(Page 42 of Catalog.)

There is nothing more delicious than early, quickly grown radishes fresh from the garden. This is a very tender variety that surely will please you.

Pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, 1-4 lb. 40c, pound \$1.25. Postpaid.

### BARTELDES 10x20 KITCHEN GARDEN

It is surprising what a small piece of ground when properly planned and carefully worked can be made to produce.

We have planned here a very small garden—10x20 feet—such as you can have in any back yard. This little garden requires but a small amount of seed, very little work, and the quantity of nice, crisp radishes, the fresh lettuce, beets, carrots, onions, and beans it will produce will be quite a help on the grocery bill.

We make a special offer of the seed for this garden.

1 pkt. Radish, Rosy Gem.....	\$0.05
1 pkt. Radish, Icicle .....	.05
1 pkt. Lettuce, Barteldes Denver Market.....	.05
1 pkt. Lettuce, Early Grand Rapids.....	.05
1 oz. Beet, Barteldes Early Blood Turnip.....	.10
1 pkt. Carrot, Chantenay .....	.05
1 lb. White Onion Sets.....	.20
1 lb. Beans, Barteldes Green Pod.....	.35
½ lb. Beans, Henderson's Buxh Lima.....	.20
½ lb. Beans, Barteldes Black Wax.....	.20
1 Copy Barteldes Garden Guide.....	...
	\$1.30
SPECIAL OFFER—POSTPAID, FOR.....	\$1.10

### BARTELDES GOLDEN WAX BEANS

(Page 13 of Catalog.)

Pods are large, brittle, quite stringless, tender and of fine flavor. Pkt. 5c, 1-2 lb. 20c, lb. 35c. Postage extra.



### GRAND RAPIDS LETTUCE

(Page 26 of Catalog.)

Used principally by gardeners for greenhouse forcing. Is excellent for out door use also, as it forms large, loose heads very quickly.

Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, 1-4 lb. 35c, pound \$1.25. Postage paid.



### BARTELDES STRINGLESS GREENPOD BEANS.

(Page 12 of Catalog.)

Here is a new variety which will produce an abundant crop a week or ten days earlier than other stringless varieties. The pods are straight, bright green, oval through cross section. Pkt. 5c, ½-lb. 25c, lb. 35c. Postage extra.



### STOWELL'S EVERGREEN SWEET CORN.

(Page 23 of Catalog.)

This is the old standard among Sweet Corn. It is planted for the main crop the country over. The ears are large, the grains deep, the flavor excellent and the ears will keep for some time.

Pkt. 5c, lb. 25c, 2 lb. 45c, 10 lbs. \$2.00. Postage extra.

## FLOWERING BULBS

Every one loves flowers but many people do not have the time nor the inclination to take care of annual flowers.

Flowering bulbs will appeal to such people as these plants require but little attention and the perennials will live and increase from year to year.

You will be surprised at the beauty of Iris, Day Lily, Hollyhocks, Shasta Daisy, and other perennial Plants. Every home has a place for at least a small bed or perhaps a border of these perennials.

Plant a few Iris in some corner where they will not be disturbed for years. They are very hardy and will thrive in almost any location. They do need some sunshine.

If you have a place on the north side of your house put in a bed of Day Lillies. These are attractive whether in bloom or not and break the ugly lines of the foundation very nicely.

Some of the new Dahlias are wonderful. These are fine for bouquets and bloom late in the summer when flowers are not plentiful. Dahlias must be taken up in the fall but this is done very easily and the roots can be stored in the cellar until spring. They multiply rapidly and if you buy a few this spring you will soon have a nice supply.

The Canna is without question the most popular of bedding plants but many have not seen the new varieties and have no idea of their beauty. The flowers of these new varieties are so large and of



IRIS  
THE POOR MAN'S ORCHID

## For Spring Planting

such wonderful colors that they are not only used for bedding but make lovely bouquets.

You will find a complete assortment of many beautiful flowering bulbs and roots in the Barteldes Catalog. Be sure you include a liberal selection in your order.

### ADJUSTO PLANT SUPPORT

Here is the simplest, strongest and most efficient plant support we have ever seen.

The stake is of hardwood painted green and if repainted every season it will last for years. The heavy spring wire is also painted green and will not rust.

It is instantly adjusted to any height and can be adjusted as the plant grows without disturbing the plant. It is indispensable for Tomatoes, Roses, Paeonies, Dahlias, Hydrangeas, Carnations, and any other plants needing support.

We guarantee this support to please you. Order a dozen or two with your seeds and if you are not satisfied you can return them and we will refund your money.

Three Foot, 15c each;  
\$1.75 per dozen.

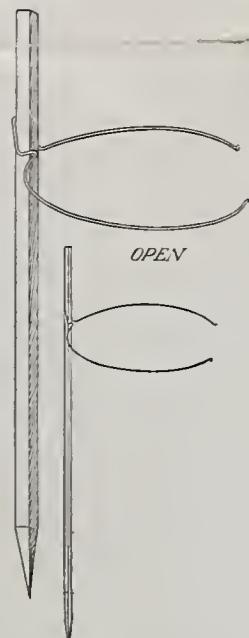
Four Foot, 18c each;  
\$2.00 per dozen.

Five Foot, 20c each;  
\$2.25 per dozen.

Small Sizes for Flowers and Potted Plants.  
18-inch, 8c each, \$0.85 per dozen.

24-inch, 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen.

Postage Extra—Larger sizes weigh one pound each and small sizes about 1-4 pound each.



## BARTELDES FLOWER SEEDS

Flowers for the table, flowers for your friends, and flowers in your lawn can be had very easily and cheaply by planting Barteldes Flower Seeds.

Many, many beautiful flowers bloom the first year from seed and need so little attention that there is no reason why anyone should go without the cheerful influence of flowers. A bouquet on the table or on the desk makes the day seem brighter.

You will find in the Barteldes Catalog a most complete list of flowers. Many of these need quite a little care but many of the annuals are simply cultivated now and then, and watered if necessary. Anyone can grow beautiful Asters, Zinnias, Sweet Alyssum, Mignonette, Nasturtium, Sweet Peas, Marigold, Calliopsis, Bachelor Button, Burning Bush, Cosmos, Four O'clock, Petunia, Verbena, and others.

Most of these are priced at only 5c per packet, and cultural directions are on the back of each packet.

Perhaps you have a place for a few climbing plants. You may wish to screen the porch, hide the chicken yard, or perhaps cover the old unsightly stump. For this purpose we suggest Cardinal Climber, Cypress Vine, Morning Glory, Tall Nasturtium, or Moon Vine. All described in the Barteldes Catalog.



CHINESE WOOLFLOWER

A most attractive flower of early culture. Each flower resembles a ball of dark red wool. When cut fresh and carefully dried will hold their color all winter. Price 15c.



NASTURTIUM

5c per pkt.  
15c per oz.  
50c per 1-4 lb.



BARTELDES CREGO ASTER

Beautiful large Asters of many colors. Pkt. 10c.

### A FEW COLLECTIONS, With Special Prices.

#### A

Long Stemmed Annuals,  
Fine for Bouquets.  
1 Pkt. Victoria Aster 10c  
1 Pkt. Bachelor Button 5c  
1 Pkt. Calliopsis 5c  
1 Pkt. Marigold 5c  
1 Pkt. Nigella 10c  
1 Pkt. Scabiosa 5c  
1 Pkt. Schizanthus 5c  
1 Pkt. Zinnia 5c  
SPECIAL 40c. Postpaid.

#### B

Annuals of Different Heights to make effective border along a fence.  
1 Pkt. Cosmos (6 ft.) 5c  
1 Pkt. Colossal Zinnia (3 feet) 15c  
1 Pkt. Crego Aster (2 feet) 10c  
1 Pkt. Sweet Alyssum (1 foot) 5c

SPECIAL PRICE 35c  
Postpaid.

#### C

Annuals which, when cut in the fall, will retain their beauty for many months.  
1 Pkt. Chinese Wool-flower 15c  
1 Pkt. Empress Cox comb 10c  
1 Pkt. Helichrysum 10c  
1 Pkt. Jobs Tears 5c

SPECIAL PRICE 40c  
Postpaid.

#### D

Annual Climbers.  
1 Pkt. Cardinal Climbers 15c  
1 Pkt. Cypress Vine 5c  
1 Pkt. Japanese Morning Glory 5c  
1 Pkt. Tall Nasturtium 5c

SPECIAL PRICE 30c  
Postpaid.



BARTELDES  
GIANT  
PANSY  
Per Pkt. 15c

FREE

SEND THIS COUPON WITH YOUR ORDER AND WE WILL SEND YOU FREE ONE PACKAGE NASTURTIUM SEEDS.

Clip The Coupon



## GOLD MEDAL CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO BARTELDES SEEDS AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION IN 1904

When a person has devoted fifty years of his life to one business, it is indeed gratifying to know that this half century of work has been a real help in producing crops which are, after all, the foundation of our national prosperity.

When I think of the millions and millions of pounds of grain, millions of tons of hay, millions of pounds of vegetables, and millions of pretty bouquets that have been grown from Barteldes Seeds, there comes to me a feeling of genuine, honest-to-goodness satisfaction that is worth more to me than all the material gain that has come to be as a result of this effort. I have that feeling of intense satisfaction that

I can look any man in the eye and say that my efforts have resulted in more and better crops, and therefore have made the world a better place in which to live.

Knowing the vital importance of crops to our western country, and knowing how much depended on the quality of the seed, I have never spared any expense to make Barteldes Seeds the best and most productive. Our warehouses are equipped with the most modern and improved cleaning machines, our organizations includes men who have been in the seed business for over thirty years, and also men who have studied seeds in the government laboratories. You get the benefit of all of this experience when you plant Barteldes Seeds.

The Gold Medal awarded to Barteldes Seeds, not only at Paris in 1900, but also at St. Louis in 1904, is evidence of the high quality of Barteldes Seeds.

Do not be satisfied with anything but the best. Especially when you can get Barteldes Seeds so easily and at practically the same cost as inferior seeds.

*F. J. Barteldes*



## SUDAN GRASS

We introduced Sudan Grass in 1915 and its many excellent qualities have made it so popular that in four years the acreage in Kansas alone had increased to 100,000 acres.

Sudan is an annual and must be sown each year like Millet or Cane. Two or three cuttings can be had per season and the yield is from one to eight tons of cured hay per acre. It is adapted to the greater portions of the United States and is especially valuable in regions deficient in rainfall. It makes wonderful crops under irrigation but does not do well in regions of high altitude.

If you have never grown Sudan be sure to do so this season. For further information see our catalog and for prices see our Pink List.

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*Special 152*



## TOM WATSON WATERMELON

The large size, delicious flavor and the shipping qualities make this the most popular melon on the market. Every farmer should have some melon vines, even if it is only a few in the corn field. They require little care and the melons are bringing big prices on the market.

Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, 1-4 lb. 35c, lb. \$1.00. Postage paid.

*ACT, MR.*  
*WASHINGTON, D. C.*